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THREE HUNDRED PERISH AS BRITISH SHIPS SINK AFTER COLLISION IN IRISH CHANNEL

Police Seek Man Missing With \$9,000

Money and Checks for Large Amount in His Pockets When He Left His Boarding Place—Missing Since Last Wednesday.

Last Information Authorities Have of Him Is That He Displayed Huge Roll of Bills in Newspaper Store Where He Made Small Purchase.

Robert Cornell, 50 years, of 291 South avenue, with \$9,000 in money and checks in his pocket left his home last Wednesday morning about 8:30 stating that he intended to cash the checks at a bank, and has not been seen or heard from since, although the police have searched every hospital and exhausted every known means of finding some trace of him.

Cornell, who several weeks ago, suffered a stroke of apoplexy, told Mrs. Charles E. Pierre, with whom he boarded, that he would return to the house in a half hour just as soon as "I cash these checks." The next sign of him he visited a periodical store, at Main street and South avenue, having evidently been to bank and exchanged the paper for money.

Here he purchased several newspapers, which he intended to read on arriving home, and pulled from his pocket an immense roll of bills. Unable to find one of small denomination, and having no change in his possession he told the storekeeper he would owe him for the papers.

Here all trace of him has been lost. Whether he met with foul play, was robbed and then killed, or in a fit of despondency took his own life is a mystery, which the police are bending every effort to solve.

The missing man was of quiet demeanor and good habits. He has lived with the Pierre family since last July, previous to which he roomed in Broad street. He was employed in the shoe department of the Remington Arms Co., having sold out a haberdashery business in New Haven, where his sister, Mr. Henrietta Andrews, now lives, for employment in the munition plant.

Owing to sickness he worked but little during the summer and sustained a stroke recently which caused him to walk lame, his left side being paralyzed. Last Sunday he appeared melancholy and stated his intention of settling up his affairs and his fear that "I will become a burden to my friends."

He had in his possession, leaving home a check representing the proceeds of paid-up endowment policy, a check payable to him on the Building and Loan association and cash, which totaled \$9,000.

Of this fact his only close friend, with the exception of the Pierre family, in this city, Ralph L. Gould, of 737 Seaview avenue, a mechanical engineer, had knowledge, and fearing Cornell had met with robbery and foul play, he immediately notified the police.

The belief that he has taken his life his friends discontinue, pointing to the fact that Gould had stated his intention of settling up his affairs and having them in ship-shape fashion in case he suffered another stroke and died.

He would not have killed himself with the money on his person in his opinion, but would have first provided for his disposition among his relatives. Efforts to locate Cornell in New Haven, at the home of his sister, whose husband is manager of the American Supply Co. in that city, have failed. According to Mrs. Pierre, who has nursed the missing man through his illness, he appeared deeply grateful for her kindness and she feels certain that he would not leave her home without first telling her of his intention, and that inasmuch as he did not return in the half hour's time he stated, something must have happened to him.

Owing to his lameness Cornell left his home walking with a cane and umbrella. He is described as a man about 5 feet 6 inches in height, of stocky build, weighing 150 pounds, full face, wearing a small grey moustache. He was attired in a blue suit and overcoat, when last seen, black shoes and stockings.

The police are making a search of saloons in the vicinity of his home to ascertain if he had visited any of them on his way home. They believe it possible that owing to his physical condition he might possibly have become weakened by his walk and stepped into a liquor store to obtain a drink of brandy, displaying his money, when making the purchase.

AND TONIGHT, JOHN T. KING IS HIS HOST!

IN THE OUTLOOK, July 13, 1912, Col. Roosevelt said:

"In addition he (Mr. Taft) had with him the votes of certain purely boss-controlled and privilege-controlled states like New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado, where the voters had no chance to express their preference."

Things haven't changed much in Connecticut since 1912. The Colonel has shifted a little. Connecticut is still in the hands of J. Henry. Mr. King has been promoted. It's the same crowd. The mountain wouldn't go to the colonel, so the colonel has come to the mountain, which is very nice, and forgiving.

In his speech tonight it is to be hoped he will exhibit sincere contrition and repentance by apologizing to the bosses of Connecticut for his former opinion of them.

DISTINGUISHED PRIEST AND HIBERNIANS UNITE IN DENOUNCING O'LEARY

The Connecticut organization of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, has administered a stern rebuke to Jeremiah O'Leary and others of his ilk, who parade under false colors in order to discredit the accomplishments and purposes of President Wilson and his administration.

The use of the name of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in connection with a political meeting called in New Haven caused an investigation which ended with its being publicly denounced at the advice of Father Edward Flannery, a distinguished Catholic priest who is the state chaplain of the order.

The Farmer in its receipt of the following communication from John Leoney, state president of the Hibernians:

To the Editor:
The Ancient Order of Hibernians, which numbers many members in your locality, requests the privilege of a little space to make clear a regrettable misunderstanding that has arisen.

A meeting, apparently purely political and partisan in character, having been called for New Haven on November 4th, to be addressed by Mr. Jeremiah O'Leary and Editor Ridder of New York, the name of this order was used by irresponsible persons,

apparently for advertising purposes.

It should be clearly understood that the Ancient Order of Hibernians—the strongest racial and religious organization in the country—does not countenance the connection of its name with meetings called for political purposes, or for the purpose of denouncing and vilifying the President of the United States.

It is the opinion of the Rev. Edward Flannery, state chaplain of the order, that the O'Leary-Ridder meeting at New Haven parading as it does under false colors, should be publicly denounced, a sentiment in which the undersigned, John Leoney, state president of the Order, heartily concurs.

The accompanying letter from Fr. Flannery is self-explanatory.

(Signed)
JOHN LEONEY,
State President, A. O. H.

Mr. John Leoney,
State President Ancient Order of Hibernians,
New Britain, Conn.

Dear Mr. Leoney:—

Your letter with enclosures which came this morning by special

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GREENFIELD HILL APPEALS TO CITY FOR POLICE HELP

Ask Bridgeport Department to Protect Homes From Band of Burglars.

NICHOLS MANSION IS RANSACKED IN NIGHT

Priceless Antiques Smashed—Homes of Wealthy Repeatedly Robbed.

Because fashionable homes are being entered nearly every night and the Fairfield police authorities have been unable to cope with the situation, the aid of the Bridgeport authorities has been asked by Greenfield Hill residents.

Repeated depredations have aroused the residents of the exclusive colony, and yesterday morning it was discovered that the Nichols family home, the dwelling of the late Col. A. R. T. Nichols, had been entered and the thousands of dollars worth of antique furniture, ancient paintings, sculpture, etc., damaged almost beyond repair by thieves in search of silver.

An appeal from frightened residents of the Hill resulted in the assignment of Detective Sergeant Peter Hall by the Bridgeport police department, to investigate the cases.

During the last few weeks the homes of D. H. Warner, E. T. Bedford, Samuel Gorman and an outbuilding of David C. Smith, have been broken into, it was learned today.

Mr. Warner's house was robbed of three silver tables of considerable value, several days ago.

The home of Mr. Gorman, which he has closed for the last few years, during which he has been in the South, was ransacked, but until the return of the owner it cannot be ascertained how much was taken.

The burglars evidently have a camping place somewhere on the hill, or are living in a summer home that has been closed. They stole 20 chickens last night from the yard of Mr. Davis.

Col. Nichols' family has lived for generations in Greenfield Hill and the mansion contains antiques that have been handed down. Besides these there are collections of paintings and tapestries that are worth thousands of dollars.

When Sheriff William Gould and Detective Hall visited the home this morning they found a back window had been jammed open. Inside a scene of desolation met them. Doors were smashed on closets that had been locked, antique sideboards and dressers were permanently damaged, chairs were broken and paintings and tapestries torn from the walls.

It is the belief of the police that the thieves were looking for money or silver, but the latter has been stored in safe deposit vaults since the death of Col. Nichols a decade ago.

As many of the wealthy residents of the hill have their homes for the winter and have left valuable possessions in them, an appeal for police protection has been made in Bridgeport.

WILSON, ENDING CAMPAIGN, SEES VICTORY AHEAD

President Makes Final Address, Talking to Voters of Home State.

OPTIMISTIC OVER RESULTS TUESDAY

Other Candidates Wind Up Their Campaign With Day of Speeches.

Long Branch, Nov. 4.—President Wilson, with an Old Home Day celebration today planned to close his campaign for re-election with an address to his fellow citizens of New Jersey.

Special trains were engaged to bring to Shadow Lawn residents of Jersey City, Newark, Trenton and other sections of New Jersey. Wilson campaign managers estimated that many other delegations would come from other states.

To his friends here early today, the President expressed confidence over the outcome of the election Tuesday.

The attack made on the President last night by Col. Roosevelt went, without official notice here today, although it was said Mr. Wilson might allude to it indirectly this afternoon. Thus far he has mentioned neither Col. Roosevelt nor Mr. Hughes by name in any of his speeches.

CAMPAIGN AT AN END.

New York, Nov. 4.—Candidates for the Presidency and prominent campaign orators in general will make their last spoken appeals for votes today. Some time around midnight, when the last cheer has died away, the last red fire has burned out and the last parader has gone home, the national campaign will be virtually over.

Charles E. Hughes ended his political travels yesterday but the last day of his campaign is one of the hardest. He makes five speeches here this afternoon and will deliver his final address at a rally in Madison Square Garden which will close the greatest Republican rally of the campaign in New York city.

President Wilson, at Long Branch, will make his last speech before an audience from his home state. Every Democratic county organization in New Jersey will send delegations to Shadow Lawn.

Both candidates will spend the two days that intervene before election, the President at Shadow Lawn and Mr. Hughes at the hotel where he had made his New York headquarters since he left Washington. They will receive the returns at these places.

J. Frank Hanly, prohibition presidential candidate, will reach his home in Indiana tonight, after a final day of speaking through Indiana. Since

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BRIDGEPORT'S WATER SUPPLY RUNNING SHORT

Unprecedented Call on Reservoirs Combined With Protracted Drought.

Bridgeport is confronted today with a serious shortage of water in the vast reservoir system of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. The situation while not alarming in its present condition is such as requires the householders to consider economic measures in the use of water until the rainfall deficiency which now amounts to more than 6 inches is broken.

The recently constructed "Hemlock" reservoir of the Hydraulic Company located in Easton, holding 4,500,000 gallons of water, is reported as technically "dry." A similar condition prevails at the Trap Falls watershed where big additions to the dam are being pushed forward. The last of the storage reservoirs in the system are being drawn upon.

In announcing that the "Hemlock" and other reservoirs are dry, officials of the Hydraulic Company assert that while much water actually remains behind the dams the supply has been drawn off to a point where it is unsafe to take more away except in the most urgent emergency.

Two causes for the water shortage are given. The prime reason is that during July, August, September, October and November there has been hardly any rainfall and a deficiency of six inches to the square foot, an almost unprecedented condition, obtains. The other cause is that Bridgeport not only has grown rapidly but that its houses are filled to excess and have drawn upon the supply far in excess of even the maximum estimates of the Hydraulic Company engineers.

Notwithstanding the addition of the new Hemlock dam, the expenditure of great sums in acquiring watersheds and reserves, the population increase in the territory has outrun the improvements.

Only One Survivor From Both Vessels, Says Despatch to London—Liner Connemara, Outbound, Runs Into the Steamer Retriever and Both Vessels Go Down Before Rescues Can be Made—Few Bodies are Washed Ashore, and It is Believed That Practically All of Crews and Passengers Have Been Lost.

London, Nov. 4.—The London & Northwestern steamship Connemara, bound from Greenore to Holyhead with passengers, has collided with another vessel and it is feared the death toll is about 300.

The Connemara collided with the steamship Retriever in the Irish channel. Both vessels were sunk. So far as is known there is only one survivor from both ships.

The railway company says it is unable to state whether any Americans were aboard these vessels. They seldom carry saloon passengers.

A Lloyds despatch from Belfast says the collision occurred at Curlingford Lough, an inlet on the Irish coast between the counties of Down and Louth. The Retriever was inbound bound.

A few bodies have been washed ashore on the County Down coast. The despatch says it is feared 300 lives have been lost.

The marine superintendent of the London & Northwestern Railway Company said that so far as he knew there were only 50 passengers on the Connemara. Her crew numbered 31.

The West Coast of America Telegraph Co., of London.

A steamer service is maintained by the London & Northwestern Railway between Holyhead, Wales, and Greenore, Ireland, a distance of about 80 miles across the Irish Sea.

BRITISH VESSEL, FLYING U. S. FLAG, SANK U-BOAT, BERLIN OFFICE ASSERTS

Berlin, Nov. 4.—Via Wireless to the Associated Press via Sayville—The German Admiralty has furnished to The Associated Press correspondent the details of what is characterized as a second Baralong case, in which a British patrol steamer, flying American colors, it is declared, after destroying the submarine U-41, deliberately ran down a rowboat with the only two survivors of the underset boat in an endeavor to remove the only witnesses and has since prevented the intended victims, who were almost miraculously saved, from communicating the news to their own government.

The incident, according to the Admiralty, occurred on Sept. 24, 1915, and has only just been learned of through an invalided prisoner transferred to Switzerland.

The submarine, according to the Admiralty account, had halted in the neighborhood of the Scilly Isles for examination of a steamer under the American flag, apparently an innocent merchantman.

The seamer ostensibly prepared to lower a boat but when the submarine had approached, within 300 yards, the supposed merchantman suddenly opened concealed ports and began firing from two cannon and also with rifles, the American flag flying the whole time, the account continues.

The submarine, irreparably damaged, was forced to surface for an instant, permitting Lieutenant Crompton, severely wounded, and Petty Officer Godau, to crawl out through an open hatch before the submarine sank forever.

The sole survivors ultimately managed to swim to a nearby boat. The steamer, observing this, according to the Admiralty details, headed full speed for the boat, not to save, but to ram it, placing a lookout in the steamer's bow to facilitate accurate steering. The Germans at the last moment sprang from the boat and clung to the wreckage of it for a half hour when the steamer finally picked them up.

The wounded Lieutenant Crompton and his comrade were left without the slightest medical attention in a small cage on the steamer's deck until their arrival at Falmouth the following day, it is declared, although the Lieutenant had a double fracture of the jaw bone, a broad wound across the nose and cheek, wounds in the left temple and on the finger and an eye shot out.

It was not until Sept. 29 that the Lieutenant was transferred to a shore hospital, clad at the time only in his underclothing, being transferred on Nov. 6 to the military prison in York Castle, whence the wounded officer, whose wounds were still open and who was threatened with the loss of the other eye, was sent in mid-December to Dyffryn Wales, the account states.

A British surgeon later proposed to transfer the wounded officer, as toally invalided, to Switzerland, and a Swiss commission of surgeons twice voted that he be sent but the British surgeon-general it is declared, vetoed the plan and the officer was retained in England. The Admiralty declares that this was evidently due to a guilty conscience on the part of the British who wished to prevent the news from being made known. Lieutenant Crompton repeatedly attempted to send his report through the American embassy in London. It is asserted, but no report from him reached Germany.

LANDSLIDE FOR WILSON, PARKER FEELS CERTAIN

Progressives Flocking to Democracy, He Tells The President.

Long Branch, N. J., Nov. 4.—President Wilson was assured today by John A. Parker, Progressive candidate for Vice-President, that Progressives throughout the middle and western states were coming to the President's support and that "the elements of a landslide are appearing."

C. W. Watson, Democratic national committeeman from West Virginia, telegraphed the President saying a careful canvass of his state showed it would go Democratic. Senator Walsh, of Montana, in charge of the western headquarters at Chicago, sent a message that North and South Dakota, and Illinois were sure for Wilson. Messages predicting victory were also received at the executive offices here from Nebraska and Wisconsin.

THE WEATHER
Cloudy tonight and Sunday.

27 MINERS KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 4.—Eighteen negroes and nine white men entombed in the Besse mines of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Company, 20 miles west of here, are believed to have lost their lives early today by an explosion said to have been caused by gas. Bodies of two unidentified negroes have been brought up. Rescuers from federal and state mine bureaus are trying to reach the men.

The explosion occurred below the eighth level of the mine and was of such force that the mouth was considerably damaged and a number of cars were wrecked on the mine tipples.

The recent request to the War Department by Arthur T. Hadley, president of Yale, that Batteries A, B, C and D, Tenth Militia, Field Artillery, be organized into a division of the Officers' Reserve Training Corps, has been granted.

EX-GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS WILL SPEAK HERE

David I. Walsh and Homer S. Cummings At Great Rally Tomorrow Night.

Tomorrow night at the Lyric theatre there will be discussion of the issues of this campaign by noted speakers. In addition to Hon. Homer S. Cummings, John L. Rowe and Lynn W. Wilson, the Democratic town committee expects to bring here former Governor David Walsh of Massachusetts, one of the most eloquent orators of the east and widely known as a staunch advocate of the re-election of Woodrow Wilson.

Governor Walsh has just returned from a tour of the west and predicts the re-election of President Wilson by an unprecedented majority.

Mr. Cummings needs no introduction to the people of Bridgeport and his address will be along the line of the duty of American citizens in this great national crisis.

Mr. Rowe was one of the chairmen of the railway Brotherhoods that sat in the White House for two weeks while President Wilson was struggling to settle the national railroad strike and he knows the inside of that conference. He will tell of the great work which the President did for humanity when he procured a settlement of the strike on the basis of an eight hour day, thereby averting a calamity.

In addition to the speaking there will be shown moving pictures of the achievements of the Wilson administration. Women are invited.

The chairman of the meeting will be former Philo C. Calhoun. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock and all are welcome.

GERMANS REACH BRITISH LINES, BUT FALL BACK

Enter Trenches, But Are Later Repulsed With Loss, London Claims.

London, Nov. 4.—Strong German forces last night entered the British trenches near Guinchy, seven miles east of Bethune, says the British official statement issued today, but the invaders were immediately expelled. The Germans yesterday launched a counter-attack east of Guendecourt, the statement adds, but they suffered very heavy losses in proportion to their strength.

GERMANS REPEL FOE.

Berlin, Nov. 4.—Attacks on German positions on the Somme front today northwest of Coirelette and in the Guinecourt-Lesboeufs sector were repulsed, the war office announced today.

Paris, Nov. 4.—There was intermittent cannonading along the Somme front and in the region of Fort Vaux and Fort Douaumont north of Verdun, last night, the war office announced today. Elsewhere conditions were quiet.

GORMAN HERE TO AID DANBURY VOTERS

Representative Martin Gorman of Danbury will be at the Woodrow Wilson Eight Hour club rooms, 1,292 Main street, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and he extends an invitation to all voters of Danbury now working in Bridgeport to meet him there. It is known that industrial conditions here have attracted a large number of Danbury workers who still retain their citizenship and their right to vote in the Hattingstown.

Representative Gorman, who came to Bridgeport today, will remain tomorrow to furnish any assistance or information to these voters. He will be glad to meet any and all Danbury voters at the club rooms tomorrow or he may be communicated with through Town Chairman Hugh J. Lavery. Danbury voters who are working in Bridgeport should get in touch with him and take precautions to have their votes recorded.

Webb Floyd was elected a member of the New York Cotton Exchange.

ANOTHER CORPSE FOUND LYING ON FLATS OF RIVER

The body of another victim of the waters of the Pequonnock river was discovered this morning by the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. The situation while not alarming in its present condition is such as requires the householders to consider economic measures in the use of water until the rainfall deficiency which now amounts to more than 6 inches is broken.

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Stratford to Have Steel Manufactory

Stratford will have a steel works. Its location and size is not made public today, but the class of steel which will be rolled, but the industry is assured by Clarence R. Hall, one of the incorporators.

Papers filed in Hartford yesterday disclose a capital stock of \$100,000, of which \$50,000 paid into the treasury. The incorporators are Clarence R. Hall, Stratford; John T. Hubbard, Fairfield, and Mabelle Pedersen, Bridgeport. Other interests are believed to be behind the venture.

The entire force of draughtsmen employed in the Norfolk, Va., navy yard went on strike.